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1. Erwin Kramer, Deputy Minister of Railways, has returned to full duty status. His special responsibility at present is to direct the repair and maintenance of rolling stock.
2. Since the beginning of the Four Power Conference, the signal and communications section of RBD-Berlin has adopted a new system of work assignment. For security reasons, a maintenance or operating employee may not know what his next work shift is to be until he has completed his current shift and returned to his home. He can then telephone in to request notice of his next duty assignment. Instruction has also been given orally to the effect that only RBD members of known reliability may be assigned to the night shifts.
3. Passenger control measures have been tightened throughout the railway system since 1 February. All but very small stations are now guarded by a mixed squad of six People's Police and Transport Police, two of whom are usually in plain clothes.
4. [redacted] the Reichsbahn Main Office and in the Headquarters of RBD-Berlin indicate that it is expected that the failure of the Four Power Conference will result in greatly increased border checking of G-Bahn passengers travelling between East and West Berlin.
5. The Reichsbahn coal shortage has reached a critical stage, particularly in the areas around Magdeburg, Halle and Greifswald.

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